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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2002, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 22, 28, 35, 42 and 44-48 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s)
previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is
attached.

1. (Thrice Amended) A sound absorbing structure comprising at least one porous
member including a plurality of holes, wherein said holes are at least one kind of through
holes, that penetrate through the porous member, and/or non-through holes, that extend
into but do not penetrate through the porous member, wherein 25%-compressive hardness